

## APPLY THE SKILLS

### The Minister's Black Veil

1. **Analyze:** In what way does the veil affect Mr. Hooper's relationship with his congregation?

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2. **Literary Analysis:** In what ways does this **parable** convey the message that people possess the potential to be both good and evil?

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3. **Literary Analysis:** A **symbol** is something that has meaning in itself but also represents something else. Record three descriptions of the veil in this chart. Analyze the emotional associations and symbolic meaning of each description.

Descriptive Detail	Emotional Associations	Symbolic Meaning

4. **Reading Strategy:** Draw **inferences** about Hawthorne's views of human nature based on the villagers' reactions to Mr. Hooper.

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5. **Reading Strategy:** "What can you **infer** about the author's attitude toward the Puritans from this story? Explain.

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